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Selected skin and musculoskeletal conditions										
Arthritis . . . . .	1,127	1,072	1,834	747	1,087	954	2,102	3,335	1,688	1,647
Gout, including gouty arthritis . . . . .	–	149	129	95	34	–	133	248	95	153
Intervertebral disc disorders . . . . .	384	179	89	80	9	455	546	197	98	99
Bone spur or tendinitis, unspecified . . . . .	152	132	21	21	–	77	213	66	45	21
Disorders of bone or cartilage . . . . .	54	23	118	49	69	–	149	208	57	151
Trouble with bunions . . . . .	95	35	23	23	–	39	146	151	30	121
Bursitis, unclassified . . . . .	141	178	122	122	–	221	284	331	136	196
Sebaceous skin cyst . . . . .	34	–	–	–	–	108	47	–	–	–
Trouble with acne . . . . .	589	–	–	–	–	329	59	–	–	–
Psoriasis . . . . .	187	–	125	65	60	95	167	50	50	–
Dermatitis . . . . .	528	79	28	9	19	624	129	183	97	86
Trouble with dry (itching) skin, unclassified . . . . .	275	82	162	113	48	488	194	399	132	266
Trouble with ingrown nails . . . . .	403	219	200	114	86	443	111	378	255	123
Trouble with corns and calluses . . . . .	107	131	62	24	38	199	235	301	102	198
Impairments										
Visual impairment . . . . .	521	356	431	110	321	579	457	808	466	342
Color blindness . . . . .	104	44	39	39	–	176	30	168	103	65
Cataracts . . . . .	76	143	773	250	524	86	166	1,533	834	699
Glaucoma . . . . .	22	62	157	91	66	–	34	363	158	205
Hearing impairment . . . . .	659	597	1,269	507	762	846	998	2,331	1,114	1,218
Tinnitus . . . . .	211	289	451	233	218	514	640	707	489	218
Speech impairment . . . . .	290	97	70	70	–	549	61	21	21	–
Absence of extremities (excludes tips of fingers or toes only) . . . . .	78	–	94	43	51	59	54	127	58	69
Paralysis of extremities, complete or partial . . . . .	75	114	62	–	62	199	111	151	80	71
Deformity or orthopedic impairment . . . . .	1,630	1,084	738	407	330	2,486	1,424	1,449	818	631
Back . . . . .	912	645	302	156	146	1,412	750	666	326	340
Upper extremities . . . . .	281	241	211	47	164	470	318	155	114	41
Lower extremities . . . . .	668	599	396	215	181	946	797	758	482	277
Selected digestive conditions										
Ulcer . . . . .	281	162	160	72	88	252	268	367	262	106
Hernia of abdominal cavity . . . . .	165	139	231	32	199	238	365	331	153	178
Gastritis or duodenitis . . . . .	269	116	150	70	79	154	94	168	65	103
Frequent indigestion . . . . .	271	199	184	62	122	343	278	83	33	50
Enteritis or colitis . . . . .	56	92	40	10	29	263	26	23	23	–
Spastic colon . . . . .	97	23	41	–	41	122	47	45	26	20
Diverticula of intestines . . . . .	–	85	112	40	72	26	84	283	112	171
Frequent constipation . . . . .	194	135	257	64	193	147	193	220	124	95

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Selected conditions of the genitourinary, nervous, endocrine, metabolic, and blood and blood-forming systems										
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Goiter or other disorders of the thyroid . . . . .	67	73	235	55	180	94	53	305	156	149
Diabetes . . . . .	12	217	409	252	157	313	517	785	391	393
Anemias . . . . .	298	27	148	79	69	341	89	171	–	171
Epilepsy . . . . .	180	67	27	27	–	144	22	37	27	9
Migraine headache . . . . .	651	237	175	77	98	1,007	336	128	64	64
Neuralgia or neuritis, unspecified . . . . .	–	30	52	21	31	30	24	35	12	23
Kidney trouble . . . . .	135	135	47	27	20	485	151	71	22	49
Bladder disorders . . . . .	70	54	132	72	60	327	119	200	79	121
Diseases of prostate . . . . .	–	29	155	124	31	27	53	463	274	189
Diseases of female genital organs . . . . .	223	33	58	35	23	322	121	23	–	23
Selected circulatory conditions										
Rheumatic fever with or without heart disease . . . . .	149	31	37	–	37	134	121	156	40	116
Heart disease . . . . .	699	349	1,094	483	611	1,216	1,139	2,144	1,077	1,067
Ischemic heart disease . . . . .	116	125	506	239	267	78	569	1,193	723	470
Heart rhythm disorders . . . . .	549	143	176	66	110	1,041	257	425	213	212
Tachycardia or rapid heart . . . . .	144	52	105	39	66	230	172	101	33	68
Heart murmurs . . . . .	359	59	71	27	44	791	61	236	120	116
Other and unspecified heart rhythm disorders . . . . .	45	32	–	–	–	21	24	88	60	28
Other selected diseases of heart, excluding hypertension . . . . .	33	81	412	178	234	97	313	526	141	385
High blood pressure (hypertension) . . . . .	526	1,050	1,625	869	756	961	1,620	2,744	1,456	1,288
Cerebrovascular disease . . . . .	19	72	200	130	70	15	184	456	150	305
Hardening of the arteries . . . . .	–	60	87	28	59	–	78	305	236	69
Varicose veins of lower extremities . . . . .	275	200	514	323	191	258	378	862	320	542
Hemorrhoids . . . . .	178	97	409	217	192	495	474	320	222	99
Selected respiratory conditions										
Chronic bronchitis . . . . .	512	184	353	125	228	1,251	438	510	285	225
Asthma . . . . .	540	165	227	60	167	1,949	418	524	368	155
Hay fever or allergic rhinitis without asthma . . . . .	1,128	290	285	48	236	1,673	621	356	138	218
Chronic sinusitis . . . . .	1,437	366	474	218	256	2,664	858	1,060	626	434
Deviated nasal septum . . . . .	48	–	–	–	–	141	142	29	–	29
Chronic disease of tonsils or adenoids . . . . .	317	12	–	–	–	587	58	–	–	–
Emphysema . . . . .	32	122	148	79	69	24	164	260	119	141

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Arthritis . . . . .	1,443	2,659	3,626	2,388	1,238	1,287	5,066	2,641	1,584	1,057
Gout, including gouty arthritis . . . . .	52	279	161	161	–	216	481	175	69	106
Intervertebral disc disorders . . . . .	380	603	261	166	95	872	1,543	306	271	35
Bone spur or tendinitis, unspecified . . . . .	320	199	51	–	51	502	557	193	193	–
Disorders of bone or cartilage . . . . .	90	129	198	63	134	156	81	151	61	90
Trouble with bunions . . . . .	236	116	121	121	–	374	416	53	53	–
Bursitis, unclassified . . . . .	482	434	254	236	18	550	1,164	316	229	87
Sebaceous skin cyst . . . . .	114	212	21	21	–	374	195	41	41	–
Trouble with acne . . . . .	1,051	21	–	–	–	2,225	138	–	–	–
Psoriasis . . . . .	299	261	81	81	–	574	580	93	–	93
Dermatitis . . . . .	1,265	509	208	186	22	2,406	1,031	225	112	112
Trouble with dry (itching) skin, unclassified . . . . .	838	399	519	293	227	1,606	729	258	67	191
Trouble with ingrown nails . . . . .	888	390	237	90	146	1,235	531	102	76	26
Trouble with corns and calluses . . . . .	420	351	179	145	33	645	417	123	73	50
Impairments										
Visual impairment . . . . .	769	562	461	243	217	1,109	1,000	463	291	173
Color blindness . . . . .	270	224	150	127	24	796	472	61	–	61
Cataracts . . . . .	98	403	929	550	379	54	312	964	472	492
Glaucoma . . . . .	35	172	410	142	268	125	163	431	239	191
Hearing impairment . . . . .	1,081	1,639	2,436	1,311	1,125	2,253	3,071	1,647	827	820
Tinnitus . . . . .	227	593	739	468	271	770	1,345	467	270	197
Speech impairment . . . . .	553	50	65	–	65	410	85	90	63	28
Absence of extremities (excludes tips of fingers or toes only) . . . . .	124	123	166	138	28	70	69	156	125	31
Paralysis of extremities, complete or partial . . . . .	120	46	94	44	50	320	168	142	60	82
Deformity or orthopedic impairment . . . . .	3,311	2,056	1,029	779	250	6,252	3,779	820	449	371
Back . . . . .	2,024	1,306	494	376	117	4,057	2,189	423	316	107
Upper extremities . . . . .	343	184	231	201	31	479	691	81	53	28
Lower extremities . . . . .	1,335	821	396	300	96	2,537	1,517	260	76	184
Selected digestive conditions										
Ulcer . . . . .	298	332	137	137	–	347	328	135	115	20
Hernia of abdominal cavity . . . . .	187	170	293	150	143	617	773	258	173	85
Gastritis or duodenitis . . . . .	401	166	215	172	42	685	634	222	222	–
Frequent indigestion . . . . .	558	274	296	240	57	1,579	1,207	304	224	80
Enteritis or colitis . . . . .	164	8	93	70	24	381	312	64	–	64
Spastic colon . . . . .	70	176	73	73	–	530	452	178	127	51
Diverticula of intestines . . . . .	55	152	339	238	101	122	471	268	121	147
Frequent constipation . . . . .	167	34	143	120	23	702	225	166	35	131

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Goiter or other disorders of the thyroid . . . . .	347	382	551	441	110	858	898	231	191	40
Diabetes . . . . .	342	753	848	538	310	579	959	566	331	234
Anemias . . . . .	371	108	57	—	57	917	283	147	82	65
Epilepsy . . . . .	216	24	120	30	90	232	71	—	—	—
Migraine headache . . . . .	1,679	715	183	126	56	3,462	1,470	151	110	41
Neuralgia or neuritis, unspecified . . . . .	—	52	35	15	21	15	24	57	—	57
Kidney trouble . . . . .	348	166	212	143	69	358	176	36	27	8
Bladder disorders . . . . .	344	220	167	122	45	601	289	153	94	59
Diseases of prostate . . . . .	—	54	433	171	262	166	583	541	292	249
Diseases of female genital organs . . . . .	534	220	236	191	45	1,411	575	85	37	48
Selected circulatory conditions										
Rheumatic fever with or without heart disease . . . . .	213	89	—	—	—	332	286	149	67	82
Heart disease . . . . .	1,140	1,007	2,075	1,119	956	2,448	2,806	1,503	925	578
Ischemic heart disease . . . . .	49	404	966	463	503	165	1,219	963	632	331
Heart rhythm disorders . . . . .	735	365	709	416	293	1,814	1,066	297	148	149
Tachycardia or rapid heart . . . . .	49	60	433	284	149	228	221	85	22	62
Heart murmurs . . . . .	592	116	76	76	—	1,329	644	122	83	40
Other and unspecified heart rhythm disorders . . . . .	94	190	200	56	144	257	201	89	42	47
Other selected diseases of heart, excluding hypertension . . . . .	355	237	400	239	160	469	521	243	145	98
High blood pressure (hypertension) . . . . .	1,166	2,266	2,355	1,569	786	2,087	4,783	2,044	1,239	805
Cerebrovascular disease . . . . .	29	96	435	176	259	108	194	415	179	236
Hardening of the arteries . . . . .	—	23	488	150	338	—	138	168	87	81
Varicose veins of lower extremities . . . . .	485	330	295	295	—	1,070	1,223	372	227	145
Hemorrhoids . . . . .	664	517	448	346	102	2,179	1,488	486	334	153
Selected respiratory conditions										
Chronic bronchitis . . . . .	2,192	599	500	288	213	3,880	1,313	419	241	178
Asthma . . . . .	2,589	550	292	91	201	4,387	1,097	169	76	93
Hay fever or allergic rhinitis without asthma . . . . .	2,797	983	587	283	304	8,406	2,866	524	441	83
Chronic sinusitis . . . . .	5,248	1,878	891	634	257	8,461	4,922	701	494	206
Deviated nasal septum . . . . .	214	95	75	—	75	518	474	65	29	36
Chronic disease of tonsils or adenoids . . . . .	515	52	—	—	—	709	—	—	—	—
Empysema . . . . .	34	140	246	153	93	—	137	97	44	53

— Quantity zero.

<sup>1</sup>Totals for income categories do not sum to total chronic conditions because persons with unknown family income are not included.

NOTES: The standard errors and relative standard errors (RSE's) can be computed by using parameter set V of table II and the formula presented in rule 1 of appendix I. An estimate of 3.6 million has a 10-percent RSE; of 892,000, a 20-percent RSE; and of 397,000, a 30-percent RSE.